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BKLYN WINS BIG

Sloper DeBlasio and Heights' Lhota win mayoral nominations

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

There's no question who won the Sept. 10 primaries — Brooklyn! Residents of the County of Kings won three of the hottest races in the city, with Park Sloper Bill DeBlasio claiming the Democratic nomination for mayor, Brooklyn Heights resident Joe Lhota grabbing the Republican line, and Carroll Gardens state Sen. Daniel Squadron and Fort

Greene Councilwoman Letitia James heading into a runoff for public advocate. DeBlasio — who appeared to have won a runoff-proof 40 percent of the vote Tuesday night — came out on top of a pile of candidates hailing from the Borough of Churches, including former Bay Ridge Councilman Sal Albanese, former Sheepshead Bay Congressman Anthony Weiner, and Bedford-Stuyvesant—



Bill DeBlasio

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born former Comptroller Bill Thompson.

Democratic Mayoral race
Public Advocate Bill DeBlasio, standing six-foot-five-inches-tall, came out on top in the Democratic primary election for mayor Tuesday night. The 52-year-old Park Sloper

squeaked past the magic 40 percent of the votes needed to win the nomination without a runoff, coming in just 0.2 percent over the threshold, but former comptroller Bill Thompson finished second with 26 percent of the votes and has demanded See **ELECTION** on page 8



The 23-year incumbent Charles "Joe" Hynes concedes defeat.

New day in court

Thompson unseats Hynes in historic race for DA

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

Brooklyn primary voters rendered a stunning verdict on six-term District Attorney Charles "Joe" Hynes — and sentenced him to retirement. Former federal prosecutor Ken Thompson scored an historic upset against Hynes in the Sept. 10 Democratic primary — bringing the incumbent's 23-year tenure as Brooklyn's top lawman to a startling close. Thompson is the first challenger to unseat an incumbent district attorney in more than a century, and will become the first African-American to hold the office.

Hynes — who had already secured the Republican and Conservative lines on the November ballot — chose to bow out of his position. The defeated prosecutor said he would spend the following months working with Thompson to transfer the reins of power. "I had a very, very good conversation

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Ambulances back at LICH

By Jaime Lutz
The Brooklyn Paper

Ambulances are back at Long Island College Hospital, but the state is still resisting pressure to make the medical center whole again. The State University of New York stopped diverting ambulances last Friday afternoon after two and a half months of ignoring judges' orders to restore emergency services to the beleaguered Cobble Hill institution, but not before trying to strike a deal to limit the hospital's revival. Hospital staffers hailed the move as

the beginning of a reversal of the state's efforts to shut the place down, which began in February. "This is a tremendous victory for our patients," said Jill Furillo, executive director of the New York State Nurses Association, a nurses union

fighting keep the hospital alive. "LICH nurses are standing by, ready to provide the very best care for patients. From the beginning, this fight has been about protecting care for our patients." The restoration came at the behest of Brooklyn Supreme

Court Judge Carolyn Demarest, who for weeks has demanded that the hospital be removed from state hands and restored to full service. The ambulance diversion officially ended at 3 pm on Friday and at least two ambulances had brought patients to the emergency room by the evening, a union spokeswoman said. Demarest initially or-

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One-wheel drive

Rodrigo Sanz was one of the 69 unicyclists who made the 13-mile trek from City Hall to Coney Island on Aug. 30 as part of a three-day unicycle festival.

Cat scratch fever

Auteur hoping to cash in on subway kittens

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

The good Samaritan who has taken in the two kittens that gummed up Brooklyn subway traffic last week is now getting them ready for their close-up.

Cat lover Steve Liu opened up his home to the mischievous pair of strays, named Arthur and August, days after they made headlines for wandering onto the subway tracks at the Church Avenue station in Flatbush, snarling B and Q trains for hours.

Now Liu, 25, is hoping to cash in on the pair's cuteness by filming and photographing their every nubile move for his web site, Scratching Pad, in hopes of attracting advertising dollars and someday selling merchandise. "Ideally, I want to have remarkable products, like a cat costume or a toy," said Liu.

The aspiring auteur even rented a new house for the venture, a duplex in Bushwick where Arthur and August share a room with two



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Steve Liu is fostering August and Arthur, the kittens who were stuck on a subway track last week.

other resident kittens, whose provocative frolicking is interrupted only by the clicks of camera shutters.

Arthur and August have barely gotten their bearings and are already making high-profile plugs for Liu's feline blog empire, including an appearance on last night's "Colbert Report." The subway explorers' rambunctious roommates are on a vigorous show-biz schedule, too, rehearsing for the Kitten Half-time Show, a feline interlude to Animal Planet's dog-centric "Puppy Bowl."

Come to think of it, Liu's whole enterprise is basically built on kitty porn.

It has been less than a week since Arthur and August took up residence in the cathouse but, like their bunny counterparts at the Playboy Mansion, the kittens are already forming factions.

"At first, the Arthur and Ralph and Alice would huddle together and August was a loner," said Liu. "Now August and Alice have paired off and Arthur and Ralph



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Zach Botham and Allie Caran are ecstatic to have their French bulldog back after burglars snatched him.

Dog-napped — and back

Billyburg pup stolen by burglars

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

A Williamsburg couple who suffered a dog-napping got their beloved pet back last Sunday after New York pup lovers put out an all points bulletin and cops zeroed in on the purloined pooch.

Allie Caran and Zach Botham lost their French bulldog, Oliver, in a bizarre burglary last Friday and they say police went all out to recover the hound.

"The NYPD, for the first time in my life, came through in some incredible ways," Caran said. "They treated

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the incident with the same severity that I felt."

The saga began when the couple were late getting home on Friday night because they were out buying birthday presents for Oliver. They returned to their Manhattan Avenue apartment to find the dog, and many non-breathing possessions, stolen. The couple was devastated.

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Photo by Stephanie Keith

Untitled Queen was just one of 60-plus performers at Bushwig, an annual drag queen festival in Bushwick.

DRAG CRAZE

Thousands revel in wigs and platform heels at Bushwig

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

Bushwig, the annual festival of drag performance at Secret Project Robot, drew dozens of performers and more than a thousand fans to revel in brassiness dressed up in wigs, platform heels, and chiffon.

More than 60 performers graced the stages over 14 hours on Saturday, and each brought more sass than the last.

"You could tell that everyone had done a lot of planning and working and choreography," said Matty Horrochata, one of

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Midwest in G'point

Indie rockers open a 'laid-back' bar

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

Why go back to Minnesota when you can make a little piece of it in Brooklyn?

A bunch of indie rock guys got together to do just that, addressing what they see as a lack of laid-backness in Greenpoint by opening Lake Street, a Midwestern-themed bar that they swear is not Midwestern-themed.

"We wanted something friendly and non-pretentious, more like the bars we came from in the middle of the country," said co-owner Rob Pope, a native of Kansas City, Kansas and bassist for the band Spoon. "It's not about a theme, it's about attitude and friendly people."

All but one of the owners are musicians and Midwesterners.



Photo by Stefano Giovannini

Eric Odness, who is the touring bassist for The Wanted, is one of the owners of the new bar Lake Street.

Eric Odness is from near Fargo, North Dakota and plays bass for English-Irish boy band The Wanted at live shows. Frank

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Cops shut five more massage spots

'Shady spas' shuttered in B'klyn Heights, Greenpoint, and Bay Ridge

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

They rubbed people the wrong way — and now they're getting padlocked down!

Cops shut down five Brooklyn spas and slapped the cuffs on six owners for al-

legedly practicing the darker arts of massage.

The sting closed allegedly dirty body-therapy joints in Brooklyn Heights, Greenpoint, Bay Ridge, and Bensonhurst on charges ranging from prostitution to rubbing people down without a li-

cense.

Authorities vowed they would not rest until Brooklyn has shaken off the plague of below-the-belt therapy.

"I hope that these arrests will send a message not only to the communities of Dyker Heights, Bay Ridge, Brook-

lyn Heights and Greenpoint, but throughout Brooklyn, that my office shares their concerns regarding these so-called 'massage parlors' and we will not tolerate illicit operations that exploit women and adversely affect neighborhoods," said District At-

torney Charles Hynes.

Among the raided parlors was the Bright Ocean Spa on 69th Street, between Narrows Avenue and Shore Road, where neighbors had long complained about its late hours, clouded windows,

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Photo by Paul Maritzka

Authorities gather around the gruesome scene in Calvert Vaux Park.

Killed by toy helicopter

By Will Bredderman
The Brooklyn Paper

A teen's remote control helicopter spiraled out of control and sliced open his head, killing him, at Calvert Vaux Park on Sept. 5.

Authorities said Roman

Pirozek, 19, of Queens was flying the aircraft at the green space near the corner of Shore Parkway and Bay 44th Street at 3:40 pm when his model whirlybird spun amok. The blades appear to have collided with the top of his skull.

Police reported finding the young man unresponsive on the ground. Emergency medical personnel arrived moments later and pronounced him dead on the scene.

Pirozek was vice-presi-

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THE WORLD'S BEST CYCLONES COVERAGE

Here they are: Your 2013 Clonie Awards!

By Scott Hansen
for The Brooklyn Paper

It ain't over until it's over, and the Cyclones season doesn't officially end until we give out the most coveted awards in amateur sports — the Clonies, given each year to the Boys of Summer who have gone above and beyond the call of duty (insert cheers here). So, without further ado, here's a breakdown of the winners for the 2013 Brooklyn Cyclones' season, the team's 13th consecutive above-.500 season, and 12th consecutive one without a championship.

The King Henry King of Run Production Award

And the Clonie goes to **Jared King**. King was a run-producing machine and could be counted on to provide at least one of the Brooklyn runs each night, either through his own foot touching the home bag or hitting someone else home. King led the team with 32 runs scored and finished fifth with 21 RBIs. He regularly put himself in scoring position straight from home plate by leading the Cyclones with 15 doubles on the season. If the Clones needed a run — and they usually did — Jared was the King.

The NYPD Stolen Base Award

And the Clonie goes to **Pat-**

rick "To infinity and" Biondi. Biondi entered the season being highly touted for his speed and the ability to steal bases. He did not disappoint (at least until he injured his hand with about three weeks to play and missed the rest of the season) and manager Rich Donnelly said Biondi "is the fastest guy in this league." Biondi led the team and finished tied for fourth in the league with 17 stolen bases. The next closest Cyclone player was James "Papa" Roche, who had a measly eight.

The Cory Vaughn Memorial Most Powerful Bat Award

And the Clonie goes to **James "Papa" Roche**. The Clones did not hit a lot of home runs this season — only 25 to be exact, which was good for 12th in a 14-team league — but Roche hit five of them, including the first of the season at Staten Island in the opener and a couple homers in back-to-back games near the end of the year. The argument could be made for Alex Sanchez, who hit four dingers on the year, including the team's only grand slam, but Roche also had a team-leading two triples and second-place 14 doubles, making Papa the king of the castle that is MCU Park.



Akeel "The Cat" Morris took home two Clonies.

The Coney Island Hospital Most Healed Player Award

And the Clonie goes to **Gavin Cecchini**. When Cecchini returned from his sprained ankle in early July, it was as if a new player stepped into the shortstop position. The 19-year-old former first-round draft pick put on a show for Cyclones fans, recording a hit in 16 straight games starting in July and ending in August. He came up just

one game shy of the all-time Cyclones record set by the legendary Lucas Duda. The hit streak eventually ended, but Cecchini's production did not, scoring a total of 18 runs for the team on the season, while knocking in 14 runs and batting .273 on the season.

The Best Starting Pitcher Award

And the Clonie goes to **Miller Diaz**. We know what you are thinking, John Gant: "How did Diaz squeak out this one over me?" Well, look at the numbers and you'll figure it out. The two starters both pitched in 13 games and each had a decision in 10 of them. Diaz went 7–3, while Gant went 6–4. But Diaz had an ERA of 2.03, while Gant finished with 2.89 — a pretty considerable disparity when taking into account what's at stake.

The final shove in Diaz's direction was the strikeouts. While Gant finished second in the league, with an outstanding 81 strikeouts, Diaz finished first, with a whopping 87. Despite the award going to Diaz, any team would be happy to have either of these two hurlers on the mound. Maybe even the Mets.

The Rolands Best Relief Pitcher Awards

And the Clonie goes to **Akeel "The Cat" Morris**. Morris could have been the face of consistency this season. The reliever finished the year with a team-best ERA of just 1.00, which was also good for fourth in the league. Morris struck out 60 batters, while allowing only seven runs all season. He is, far and away, the front-runner for this award.

The Best Nickname that References a Pet Food Commercial from the 1970s

And the Clonie goes to **Akeel "The Cat" Morris**. Any nickname that references a pet food commercial from the 1970s wins. He easily beats out Patrick "To Infinity and" Biondi" which is awesome, but sounds just a bit too Chris Berman-esque, which didn't impress our finicky judges.

The I Don't Have a Position Most Versatile Fielder Award

And the Clonie goes to **Ismael Tijerina**. Call him Ismael! Tijerina played three of the four infielder positions regularly throughout the season. The native of Mexico had just four errors for a fielding percentage of .960. Not too shabby considering T.J. never had a defined position on the team — he could be counted on to fill any hole whenever necessary. If that doesn't translate to a middling career in the majors, we don't know what does.

2013 Community Newspaper Group Most Valuable Player

And the Clonie goes to **L.J. "Mini-Maz" Mazzilli**. The son of former New York Met Lee Mazzilli entered the season with a lot of hype (from us) and even more expectations, and he managed to meet or exceed every one of them. The team's lone position player who made the All-Star team, Mazzilli was in the top five or 10 in the league in many categories. The second baseman was the team's most consistent hitter, which his father promised us he would be, by hitting .278 on 76 hits and 34 RBIs. He also added four homers, three coming in the final month, showing he could perform under pressure. If the Mets need a second baseman, he's the man.

The Scott Kazmir Memorial "Sure Bet to Make the Bigs" Award

And the Clonie goes to **Mazzilli**. We just suggested the Mets move him to the bigs before he gets too old. Do it now.

The Steve Cohen Memorial "Best General Manager" Award

And the Clonie goes to **Amy Venuto**, the general manager of the McNamara Division-champion Aberdeen IronBirds. Venuto's steady hand was the guiding force behind the Maryland team's rise to the top of the division, and she deserves to be cheered. That, along with the fact that Cohen allowed artificial grass to replace the real stuff in MCU Park finally wrenched the award from its namesake.

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G’pointers vow to sue city, developers over plans

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

It’s going to be a bumpy Landing.

Angry Greenpointers are planning to sue the city and developers over two planned waterfront luxury apartment complexes that they say are steam-rolling over environmental protections.

The ad hoc group announced the suit at a rally against the Greenpoint Landing and 77 Commercial Street developments last Wednesday night. Council candidate Stephen Pierson was on hand to tell the crowd of 75 protesters that he will spearhead the lawsuit. He lost at the polls but said he will keep trying to stop the towers.

“This is not right, and [the developer] should not go unchallenged,” said Pierson. The legal action would be based on the city’s decision that the developments — a 10-tower compound with as many as 5,500 apartments and a two tower neighbor with a total of 720 at the Newtown Creek end of Greenpoint — would have no neg-



Photo by Elizabeth Graham

Greenpoint resident Linda Carney, 9, holds a sign at a protest against the high-rise buildings planned for the waterfront.

ative environmental impact. The anti-high-rise group says the findings are based on a study that is eight years old, running afoul of a requirement that the city make decisions based on accurate information.

“[The developers] might claim that they have updated a few things,” said Pierson. “But if they had done any-

thing significant, they would have published it.”

The energetic crowd toted signs bearing messages such as “The roof is too damn high” and “Greenpoint does not equal Midtown.” Protesters said they fear a repeat of the massive condo skyscrapers lining Williamsburg’s waterfront, which activists decried for increasing rents and

failing on promises to expand parks, but failed to prevent from rising.

“We have a real fighting chance to stop this, and I believe in fighting,” said Rolf Carle, who lives on Milton Street, near Greenpoint’s proposed vertical village.

Pierson said that even if the Article 78 lawsuit does not hit its mark, it will buy neighbors time until a new mayor takes office, which could be a crucial factor in the battle against the project.

“Even if we lose, we can tie it up until we get a new mayoral administration that might be more sympathetic,” said Pierson “Bloomberg was setting the bar [for developers] very low.”

Both projects are slated to rise a stone’s throw from Newtown Creek, which was declared a Superfund site in 2010.

The community board voted against both projects on Sept. 9, but those votes are only advisory and have little bearing on whether the projects will ultimately rise..

DOG...

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“My boyfriend and I had a total meltdown,” Caran said. “It’s terrible to steal someone’s dog. He’s like my kid.”

The Williamsburgers’ friends quickly put out a call to the canine-loving community and, within 48 hours, thousands of tweets bearing the hashtag #Help-FindOliver were flooding the internet.

“The response was amazing,” said Caran, who works at Toby’s Estate coffee shop. “Every coffee shop in New York was posting about it.”

The couple canvassed in real life, too, hanging fliers everywhere they could think of until Sunday night, when police called them in to the 90th Precinct station on Union Avenue to break the news.

“They tried to surprise us when we came into the precinct, but they were so overjoyed, it was hard for them to hide it,” Botham said.

Cops would not say how they tracked down Oliver and the 22-year-old man they arrested for the dog-napping, but the rescued pup did not sweat the details, happy as he was to be reunited with his owners. A week later, though, the psychological toll of Oliver’s experience is starting to show, his owners said.

“He’s jumpy now,” Botham said.

What kind of crime is animal-napping?

By Danielle Furfaro
The Brooklyn Paper

Allie Caran and Zach Botham were devastated when three burglars broke into their apartment and stole their prized 1-year-old French bulldog, Oliver. They got a second shock when they went to police and learned that what to them was a dog-napping was to police a simple theft.

The suspect arrested for stealing Oliver was only charged with burglary and grand larceny, and that did not sit well with Botham.

“If you steal someone’s dog, you are kidnapping,” said Botham. “If either you or me went missing, people wouldn’t care nearly as much as they do when a dog goes missing. Oliver is everybody’s little homey.”

There are no laws that specifically pertain to the theft of pets, leaving police and prosecutors to rely on property crime statutes and base their punishment of dog thieves on the monetary value of the stolen pooch.

Perpetrators are charged with petit larceny if the animal is worth less than \$1,000 and grand larceny if the animal is worth more, meaning ne’er-do-wells who steal dogs get off easier if they go after mutts than if they target purebreds.

Assemblyman Joe Lentol (D–Greenpoint) is working to make the law on pet-napping reflect the bereavement of animal lovers — and not weigh puppies the same as car stereos.

Lentol has introduced a bill that would create specific penalties for pet-nappers



File photo by Stefano Giovannini

Assemblyman Joe Lentol (pictured with wife Martha and dog McDonald) wants to make harsher penalties for pet-nappers.

into the state assembly, but he said it has been languishing for the last three years. The law, dubbed Laika’s Law after a dog who was taken from outside of a Fort Greene grocery store in 2009, would make stealing someone’s pet a class C felony, punishable by four years in jail. The charge would be upped to a class D felony with a seven year maximum sentence if the stolen animal was harmed or sold for dog fighting or to a lab.

LICH...

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dered the ambulances back by Aug. 26, but she extended the deadline to Sept. 3 and finally to Friday after the state and hospital doctors said the hollowed-out facility was unprepared to bring back emergency care.

In her latest order, Demarest revealed that the state had asked for the service restoration be limited to an “urgent care center” or a “free-standing emergency department”

in exchange for the return of ambulances. Demarest rejected the request.

The new deadline for restoring full medical services was Sept. 11, though the judge acknowledged that it might not be feasible.

“Given the current devastated level of services at LICH, it will be difficult to reach the goal of full services by Sept. 11, 2013, but a fully operational emergency department, [intensive care unit,] and ambulance service must be achieved by that date,” she wrote in her order.

The state only has control of the hospital while doctors look for another operator, thanks to an earlier, bombshell ruling by Demarest that accused state officials of taking over with the intention of shutting the hospital down and selling off the valuable land it sits on. The property boasts views of New York Harbor and experts value it at more than \$500 million. The state also owes money borrowed from the hospital’s \$140-million Othmer Endowment Fund, which state managers say they will have a hard time paying now that they can-

not pawn off hospital buildings at will. Demarest has demanded the state pay back the money and provide a full accounting of how it spent hospital money.

Also this week, Judge Johnny Lee Baynes appointed a second ombudsman to watch for state malfeasance at the hospital and report it to the court.

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Cops: Man exposes himself, attacks woman

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Brooklyn Heights–DUMBO–Boerum Hill–Downtown
A man was cuffed for showing his penis and assaulting a woman on the platform at the Pacific Street subway stop on Sept. 9, police said.
Cops say the suspect was putting on a show in the subway stop near Fourth Avenue at 2:28 pm when he attacked a woman, pushing her to the ground and pulling a chain on her neck, threatening to take it from her. The crime did not result in a sexual assault charge.

What a phoney
A man assaulted a woman on Columbia Place and took her cellphone on Sept. 4, police claimed.
The victim said she was near State Street at 5:14 pm when the suspect pushed her against a wall and grabbed her phone, causing her pain.
Crank call
A man was arrested for stealing quarters from a public payphone he tampered with on Clinton Street on Sept. 3, police claimed.
Police encountered the perp pulling coins from the phone near Montague Street at 3:45 pm, and upon arresting him, discovered he also carried a weapon on him, according to reports.
— **Jaime Lutz**

78TH PRECINCT
Park Slope
iBust
Police cuffed two men who allegedly looted two iPads from a Seventh Avenue cellphone service retail store on Sept. 6.
The business owner told cops that the two 20-year-old suspects entered the store between Union and President streets at 4 pm, ran up to the electronics on display, and fled with two iPads.
Arresting officers were able to identify the suspects through a description given by the store owner. Police recovered a black iPad from inside the front pants of one of the suspects and a white mini iPad from the other.
Eat and run
A bandit swiped a woman's purse while she was having dinner inside a Flatbush Avenue restaurant on Sept. 2.
The victim told cops that she was eating at the Mexican dining establishment between Prospect Place and Park Place at 5 pm, and hung her handbag off the back of her chair.
When the woman reached for her purse — containing her wallet, iPhone, a check for \$1,200, and credit cards — 20 minutes later to pay the bill, it was gone.
Blink of an eye
A tattooed perp snatched a woman's wallet right out of her hand while she was exiting a Fifth Avenue supermarket on Sept. 4.
The victim told police that she was leaving the grocery store between Union and President streets with a bunch of shopping bags and her wallet in hand at 4:30 pm when the crook ran past her and grabbed her wallet.
The thief fled down Fifth Avenue with her wallet holding \$70, credit and debit cards, her driver's license, and MetroCard.
Bad romance
An angry ex-boyfriend stole a bunch of goods from his former girlfriend's Baltic Street apartment and bashed in her television on Sept. 7, cops reported.
The 23-year-old victim told police that her ex-boyfriend came to the apartment between Third and Fourth avenues at 6:30 pm and was told to leave.
The man refused to leave and when the victim left the room and came back minutes later, the television was destroyed and \$200, a Playstation 3 game console, a camera, and a gold ring and chain was missing, according to police.
Looted ride
A perp broke into a woman's car parked on Flatbush Avenue and made off with her Louis Vuitton bag that she left inside it on Sept. 7.
The woman told cops that she parked her gray Volkswagen on the street near Washington Avenue at 7:30

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am. When she returned less than eight hours later she noticed that the right back passenger's-side window was broken and the designer bag holding \$20, debit and credit cards, and her driver's license, was missing.
Sly steal
A miscreant swiped a woman's purse while she was shopping inside an Atlantic Avenue children's clothes store on Sept. 1.
The 32-year-old victim told police that she took her wallet out of her pocketbook inside the store near Flatbush Avenue to get a coupon and put the wallet back into her bag at 4 pm.
When she got to the cash register to pay for some items her billfold, containing credit and debit cards and \$280, was missing.
The perp tried to make a \$1,500 purchase at a nearby department store with her credit card, according to a police report.
Bag bandit
A quick-handed crook stole a woman's handbag while she was in a Ninth Street bar on Sept. 3.
The 29-year-old victim told cops that she was sitting and talking to her friend in the pub between Fourth and Fifth avenues at about 7:30 pm as her purse hung on a bar hook near her.
The thief made off with the leather bag holding \$60, an iPhone, house keys, identification, and credit cards.
Car gone
A criminal stole a man's silver minivan that he parked on Seventh Street sometime between Sept. 1 and Sept. 3.
The 55-year-old man told police that he left his Chrysler on the street between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West on Sept. 1 at 2 pm.
When he returned two days later at 9 am the vehicle was gone.
— **Natalie Musumeci**

76TH PRECINCT
Carroll Gardens–Cobble Hill–Red Hook
Pipe nightmares
Police arrested a man who they say was one of a trio who robbed and beat a man with a metal pipe on Butler Street on Sept. 7, police said.
The victim told police he was near Hoyt Street at 8:30 pm when the trio attacked. Police arrested one and the other two fled the scene, taking \$80 from the victim's pockets.
Block party bash
Two ruffians beat up a man at a block party on Hoyt Street on Sept. 7, police claimed.
The victim said he was near Second Street at 6 pm when the men tackled him to the ground and proceeded to kick and punch him.
Not gun shy
A man was cuffed for robbing a man at gunpoint on Hoyt Street on Aug. 29, police said.
According to authorities, the suspect victim was near Baltic Street at 6 pm when the suspect brandished a gun and took his money.
— **Jaime Lutz**

68TH PRECINCT
Bay Ridge–Dyker Heights
iPicked
A lowlife lifted a woman's iPhone from her purse inside an 87th Street store on Sept. 7, cops state.

94TH PRECINCT
Greenpoint–Northside
Good grip
Two robbers tried to rip a man's backpack off of his back on N. Fourth Street on Sept. 4 — but the man refused to budge.
The victim told police he was walking between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street at 10 pm when the crooks grabbed him from behind. They tried to grab his backpack off of him. When he resisted, they pulled him to the ground and kicked him in the head.
"All we want is your money," one of them yelled.
When the victim still refused to give out his backpack, the robbers ran away.
Bad visit
A thief robbed a woman visiting her friend's Jackson Street apartment on Sept. 7.
The victim told police she was standing at the building's doorway between Kingsland Avenue and Woodpoint Road at 5:50 am, waiting for her friend to let her in, when a man ran up and grabbed her purse.
The woman struggled with robber and injured her knee in the process. The crook got away with her iPhone, credit card, train pass, and inhaler.
Hey, cousin
A group of tough guys attacked a young man and tried to rob him near the Bedford Avenue L train station on Sept. 8.
The victim told police he was on his way to work and was at the corner of N. Fourth Street at 9 am when a guy got in his face.
"Hey, Primo, you have a money?" the guy asked.
A second later, someone grabbed the victim from behind and tried to take his wallet out of his right pants pocket.
The robbers held the victim down and punched and kicked him. The victim received cuts, bruises, and swelling to his body, and told police that he temporarily lost consciousness.
The victim was taken to the hospital with his wallet still in his pocket.
Cable crook
Someone stole dozens of cables out of a television production truck that was parked in a Commercial Street parking lot on Aug. 15.
The manager of the production company told police that the truck was parked in a lot between Clay and Box streets on the night of Aug. 15.
When the production company returned to work at 10 am the next day, they found many cables missing.
The manager told police that the truck was not locked at the time of the robbery.
You big oaf
An inconsiderate crook stole and smashed a woman's cellphone while trying to run away at the Bedford Avenue train station on Sept. 8.
The victim told police that she was about to enter the turnstiles at the station at the corner of N. Seventh St. at 4:05 pm when a guy snatched the cellphone out of her hand.

90TH PRECINCT
Southside–Bushwick
Bad guy
A man was arrested for pulling a woman's shorts down, beating her up, and stealing her backpack on Bushwick Place on Sept. 2.
The woman told police she was walking between Johnson and Montrose avenues at 2:50 am when the alleged robber came up behind her, pulled her shorts down, and started punching and kicking her.
Hethen took her backpack, which contained an iPhone, \$356 in cash, a debit card, a sweatshirt, and a driver's license, cops reported. The man ran off but was caught a few blocks away, and allegedly told police he regretted what he did.
"I never did anything like this before, and I feel really bad," he allegedly told them.
Deli damage
Police arrested a pair of young men who they say attacked a teenager and stole his property on Humboldt Street on Sept. 2.
The teen told police that he was coming out of a deli at the corner Grand Street at 4:45 am when the duo cornered him.
"What are you looking at?" one of them said before punching him in the head several times, giving him two black eyes, and breaking his nose, according to a police report.
They then allegedly grabbed the victim's cash and cellphone and ran off.
The maid did it
Someone stole \$6,000 in cash from an elderly man on Penn Street on July 31 — and he told police his housekeeper did it.
The 83-year-old victim told police that he noticed that his large sum of cash was missing from his apartment between Marcy and Lee avenues at 6 pm, but he did not report the loss until a month later.
He told police that the only person who had access to his apartment was a housekeeper from a white glove agency.
Mugged mug
A pair of robbers beat and robbed a man was walking home from work on Lorimer Street on Sept. 4.
The victim told police he was at the northwest corner of Stagg Street at 2 am when two guys walked up to him and one of them punched him in the face.
The other guy then grabbed his wallet, which included his green card, debit card, \$182 cash, and a MetroCard.
— **Danielle Furfaro**

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So what can parents of young children do now? They can be a good role model. Look for opportunities to talk to your children. Children need to know that gambling is not a way to make money and the majority of gamblers will lose. Our children are exposed to gambling messages at a very young age from lottery tickets at the grocery store to internet and television that portray gambling as exciting and easy money. Parents can make a difference on how children respond to these messages.

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Grindhouse films

BAM movie series schools cineastes on skateboard culture

By Nathan Tempey
The Brooklyn Paper

Visitors of the museum often find themselves standing outside the building watching art of a very different kind. A film series at the Brooklyn Academy of Music's Rose Cinemas is focusing on the culture behind the aerial stunts of skateboarding kids who throw themselves down the steps of museums and other large buildings and public spaces never intended for such dare devils. Called "Skateboarding is Not a Crime," the screenings chronicle wood pushers in pop culture who, like members of most youth cultures, are often misunderstood and misrepresented, taking viewers through-out thrashing's half-century history. Here are our favorite flicks:

Go pro or go low

What "Dragonslayer" lacks in narrative tension it drenches in atmosphere. The movie is a beautiful bummer of a documentary without much besides punk attitude driving it. At its center, surrounded by fireworks, graffiti, and overgrowth, is Tommy "Screech" Sandoval, an amateur skateboarder living in the decaying inner ring suburbs of Los Angeles. What this means practically is that each day the scrawny, perpetually dazed 23-year-old wakes up on the floor of a friend's house, takes a few bong rips and skates in an empty swimming pool. Or maybe he makes it to the semi-finals in a contest only to be taken out by a bad spill. The skateboard industry is present in the form of free boards, free beer, and contest prizes that come in wadded up 10s, but going pro is as tantalizingly close-yet-distant as Beverly Hills, and Screech does not give a sign of caring. The thing is, Screech is a natural on a skateboard. If he was an artist, society might admire him and make space for his talent to grow. As it is, his life on the edge turns out to be a grind, for Screech as well as his girlfriend and his toddler son. Sept. 13, 4:30 and 9:30 pm.

Kickflip to the head

"Kids" is a classic of anti-social cinema. Made in 1995, it departs from the



Photo by Rachel Eilley

trope of sun-kissed Californians in favor of a day in the life of teen boys and girls who director Larry Clark found at skate spots around Manhattan's Lower East Side. It makes for squeamish view-

ing. The titular teens roll blunts, have unprotected sex, and immortalize the use of a skateboard as a weapon. Did I mention that one of the boys has HIV and not all of the sex is consensual? Some of the



Drag City



Miramax

Endless bummer: (Pictured clockwise from left) Clark Christian and Lamonte McIntosh take a breather during a heated skate session at Maria Hernandez Park in Bushwick, a popular skate spot where thrashing is strictly above-board. Josh "Screech" Sandoval, center, carves a course between slacker stardom and dropping out completely. His girlfriend Leslie, left, and son are along for the ride. And skateboarding may not be a crime, but watching "Kids" feels like it is illegal.

young cast members went on to stardom (Rosario Dawson and Chloe Sevigny) but two have died since the film came out, one of a drug-induced heart attack and the other by his own hand. The kids were not all right. Sept. 21, 2, 4:30, 7, and 9:30 pm.

Look ma, no hands

And you thought the sound of skateboard wheels was grating now. Today they are made of urethane, but when "Skaterdater" was shot in 1965, they were clay. Vans was a year away from making its first shoe and the act of thrashing still looked like surfing on a wooden plank down hills. The first ever skateboarding movie is silent, backed by instrumental surf rock, and its skaters are "Leave it to Beaver" lookalikes with surprising skate chops. The story is ostensibly a teen love story, but it is really an ode to the kids' grace on the newfangled, handle-less scooters. The film set the stage for the girlfriend, "It's skateboarding or me" dynamic that is a trope of the male-dominated sport to this day.

The short film is playing with 1966 satirical documentary "The Devil's Toy," which anticipates the moral panic around skateboarding and features incredible formal-wear skate action, and the 1999 skate doc "Fruit of the Vine," a Super 8 ode to traveling and riding in empty swimming pools.

Sept. 23, 7 pm. Skateboarding is Not a Crime film series at Brooklyn Academy of Music's Rose Cinemas (Peter Jay Sharp Building, 30 Lafayette Ave. between Ashland Place and Saint Felix Street in Fort Greene, www.bam.org/Film). Tickets \$13, \$8 for members.

Skate or die?

BAM's film series about skateboarding culture gets its name from a laptop sticker slogan, "Skateboarding is Not a Crime." But is it true?

Skateboarders certainly spend enough time dealing with cops, as most people know. And while skateboarding down a New York sidewalk is not a crime — "skating recklessly" is, thanks to a law passed by Mayor Guiliani in 1996 that defines recklessness as "threatening the health or possessions of another person" and makes it punishable by tickets of \$50 or \$100.

The law has not been widely enforced since it first went on the books, according Manhat-

tan's Uptown Skate School. The code also requires skaters under 14 to wear safety gear.

Most thrashing happens elsewhere, though. Skate aficionados gravitate to designated skateparks and, for so-called street skating, to "skate spots," or architectural features that lend themselves to tricks. The most mundane piece of urban infrastructure can become a skate spot: a planter in a city park, a cellar door outside of a bodega, a brownstone's front stoop, and even the inside of



Photo by Rachel Eilley

an abandoned warehouse are all fair game.

Street skating is where skaters most often run afoul of authority figures, if not the law. When young people gather outside of any business or residence, making a racket and not spending

money, someone is bound to take offense. Security guards usually shoo skaters along in instances like these, but if the four-wheelers are still behind a schoolyard fence or in a business parking lot when the cops come, the result can be a trespassing charge.

There are also sanctioned skateparks in the borough, like the elaborate set of concrete bowls at Owl's Head Park in Bay Ridge. But with the city's approval comes the city's rules. Helmets, pads, and a signed waiver are technically required for entry to all city skateparks, but visits will show that enforcement ranges from lax to nonexistent.

For a full list of public skateparks in Brooklyn, visit www.nycgovparks.org/parks/B380.

FILM

Indie power

Here's one for the little guy — and gal. The Williamsburg International Film Festival is coming to the borough on Sept. 19 — and one of its chief focuses this year is inequality in the film industry. The highlight of the festival is a Saturday panel that hopes to help even the indie of women filmmakers get ahead in an overwhelmingly male industry. "Joanna White-Oldham, our panel coordinator, wanted to bring in some really successful female filmmakers to explain their paths of why they got where they are," said Michael Helman, the director of the film festival, now in its fourth year.

The women have some impressive resumes — from Terra Renee, the founder and president of the African American Women in Cinema Organization, to Annette Danto, a documentarian and two-time Fulbright Scholar in filmmaking. Films with low budgets — or films that are without a budget entirely — are a focus of the festival. "Getting It Made: Production Tips From Women Who Make Films" at Sandbox in Williamsburg (257 Grand St. near Roebling Street in Williamsburg, (718) 408-9310, willifest.com). Sept. 21, 3 pm, free. — Jaime Lutz



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THEATER

Texan twang

The beloved Heights Players brushed up on their Southern accents for this production. Brooklyn's oldest community theater company has taken on late playwright Horton Foote's "Dividing the Estate," a prize-winning play set in the fictional town of Harrison, Texas in 1987 that deals with family drama, greed, and money. Director Ted Thompson said that the Heights Players' premiere production of the play, which will run through Sept. 22 out of the former church on Willow Place in Brooklyn Heights that the group has called home since 1962, stays true to Foote's masterpiece that premiered in 1989. "We are not changing a word of Mr. Foote's remarkable unique script," said Thompson, a Sunset Park resident and longtime Heights Players director.

Horton Foote's "Dividing the Estate" at Heights Players [26 Willow Pl. between Joralemon and State streets in Brooklyn Heights, www.heightsplayers.org, (718) 237-2752]. Sept. 22, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 pm, Sundays, 2 pm, \$20, \$18 for seniors and those under 18. — Natalie Musumeci



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MUSIC

Hooded song

The Brooklyn Philharmonic has teamed up with a rapper to perform "Blues For Black Hoodies," an original song about the perils of being young and black.

Composer Randy Woolf wrote the music for the 15-minute song and six string players from the Philharmonic will team up with emcee Kevin Estwick, who goes by the stage name Wordisbon, to perform under the Brooklyn Bridge. The lyrics of the traditional chamber piece with springs of modern hip-hop and a strong dash

of social commentary evoke the despair felt by kids who are constantly looked at suspiciously. "Too weak to smile, too strong to cry, too tired to laugh, too young to die, grey clouds in a dark blue sky, this a blues for black hoodies, just trying to get by," Wordisbon's lyrics go.

Woolf, who has long been the Brooklyn Philharmonic's head composer and mentor, said he has been trying to expand the reach of the organization. When he met Wordisbon at an open mic a few years ago, he jumped on the opportunity to work with him. For the record, the piece was written well before the shooting of Trayvon Martin. "It's universal," said Woolf.

Brooklyn Philharmonic under the Brooklyn Bridge at Brooklyn Bridge Park [334 Furman St. at Old Fulton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-9939, BrooklynBridgePark.org]. Sept. 22, 6 pm, free. — Danielle Furfaro



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
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E-Cigarettes: Not a Solution to Help Smokers Quit

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My father, a long time cigarette smoker, was just diagnosed with lung cancer. I've been smoking for many years as well, and my father's illness has really hit home: I know it's time for me to quit. Friends have told me that electronic cigarettes are a great way to help kick the habit, since they have the look and "feel" of real cigarettes, but don't deliver any sort of smoke to the lungs. Are e-cigarettes a good "bridge" to a cigarette-free life?

For any smoker, the desire to quit is a crucial first step, and electronic cigarettes, which mimic the appearance of regular cigarettes and deliver nicotine to the body in the form of an inhaled vapor without giving off smoke, are being touted by manufacturers as a smoking cessation aid. Unfortunately, there is little scientific evidence to support their claims.

E-cigarettes vary greatly in their ability to deliver nicotine through the vapor they produce. Thus, the craving that smokers commonly experience when they quit may not go away. Also, these e-cigarettes contain other substances such as formaldehyde, acetaldehyde, and compounds of benzene and benzo-

diazepine. The long term effects of inhaling these compounds are not known.

What is known for certain is that e-cigarettes are highly addictive, just like tobacco cigarettes, and contain carcinogens and toxic chemicals. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved numerous products to help smokers kick the habit, including nicotine gum, patches, and lozenges — but electronic cigarettes have not been recommended by the FDA.

There are many proven options for patients who want to quit smoking and reduce their risk of death due to lung cancer, including individual counseling sessions with pulmonologists familiar with the struggles of smoking cessation. In addition, if you are over 55 years old and have been smoking at least one pack a day for 30 years, your physician may recommend a screening for lung cancer, which consists of a computed tomography (CT) scan of your lungs.

No matter what has driven you to the decision, it's great that you want to quit smoking. However, it is too important a goal to leave to chance: using e-cigarettes as a smoking cessation regimen is not recommended.



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FRIDAY

September 13



Smart fun

Kicking off the sixth season of Nerd Nite in New York City, three presentations will cover Star Trek's utopian vision of the future, the truly absurd economics of high-end art, and the father-daughter dances called Purity Balls, where dads promise their kids they'll do whatever it takes to protect their sexual purity before marriage. That's weird, isn't it?

6:30 pm doors open at Galapagos Art Space [16 Main St. at Water Street in DUMBO (718) 222-8500, www.galapagosartspace.com]. \$15.

SUNDAY

September 15

Frolicking time

Join this delightful Ditmas Park street fair on Cortelyou Road, featuring live bands, food and arts vendors, and games for kids. Parents can enjoy the Cortelyou Beer and Wine Garden hosted by everybody's favorite flower shop, Syca-more, along with Bar 773 and Costello Plan.

11 am–6 pm at Cortelyou Road between Coney Island Avenue and Ocean Avenue.



MONDAY

September 16



Itchin' for Pynchon

Holy gravity's rainbow, Batman, it's a new Thomas Pynchon book! Readers eager to crack open "Bleeding Edge," can enjoy drinks, play Pynchon-themed games, and read aloud from "The Crying of Lot 49" at this midnight book release party. Go nuts.

7 pm at powerHouse Arena [37 Main St., at Water Street in DUMBO, (718) 666-3049, powerhousearena.com]. \$5 applied to any Aslan titles.

WEDNESDAY

September 18

Fresh feet

Fans of contemporary dance get to see a huge showcase of new works full of interdisciplinary creativity and collaboration at this four-day festival called "Collabfest." Check out the cinematic and stylish movements from the Elena Vazintaris Dance Projects on the first day.

8 pm at Triskelion Arts' Aldous Theater (118 N. 11 Street, Third floor, between Berry Street and Wythe Avenue, Triskelionarts.org). \$15.



THURSDAY

September 19



Green films

The Greenpoint Film Festival opens with a topic near and dear to its heart: the environment. Films cover topics including the Dutch Kills, a tributary of Newton Creek, the community behind the North Brooklyn Boat Club, and a dolphin seen swimming in the East River.

7 pm at 67 West Street between Noble Street and Milton Street, greenpointfilmfestival.org. \$15.

NINE DAYS IN BROOKLYN

FRI, SEPT. 13

ART, "THE FIELD IS TO THE SKY, ONLY BACKWARDS": Group show featuring works by Anders Bojen and Kristoffer Orum, Lawrence Abu Hamdan, Hiwa K, Katarzyna Krawciak, MML Studio, and Hito Steyerl that questions art as a practice of knowledge. **Free.** Noon–6 pm. International Studio & Curatorial Program [1040 Metropolitan Ave. at Morgan Avenue in Bushwick, (718) 387-2900], www.iscp-nyc.org/.

ART, "NATURAL PHILOSOPHIES": Solo show featuring Faune Yerby. **Free.** Noon–7 pm. Grumpy Bert [82 Bond St. between Atlantic Avenue and State Street in Boerum Hill, (347) 855-4849], www.grumpypert.com.

MUSIC, NICHOLAS TAMAGNA: As part of BEAT Brooklyn. **Free.** Noon. MetroTech Commons (Jay Street and Metrotech Roadway in Downtown), www.beatbrooklyn.com.

ART, "LIMBUS": An exhibition of work by James Cullinane. **Free.** 1–6 pm. Robert Henry Contemporary [56 Bogart St. at Seigel Street in Bushwick, (718) 473-0819], www.roberthencycontemporary.com.

ART, "IN STILLNESS THIS FICTION IS REAL": New work by Megan Berk. **Free.** 1–7 pm. Recession Art [47 Bergen St. between Smith Street and Boerum Place in Cobble Hill], RecessionArtShows.com.

DANCE, "BECOMING-CORPUS": Experimental performance using video. \$20–\$30. 8 pm. BAM Fisher [321 Ashland Pl. in Fort Greene, (718) 636-4100], www.bam.org.

THEATER, "BLITHE SPIRIT": The Gallery Players open the season with Noel Coward's play. \$18 (\$14 for senior citizens and children 12 and under). 8 pm. Gallery Players [199 14th St. between Fourth and Fifth avenues in Park Slope, (212) 352-3101], galleryplayers.com.

SAT, SEPT. 14

COLUMBIA WATERFRONT FALL FESTIVAL: Food, entertainment, shopping, and children's activities will span Columbia from Degraw to Union, and on Union from Columbia to Hicks. **Free.** Noon–6 pm. (Columbia and Union streets in Columbia Street Waterfront District), nyc-street-fairs.com/_Blog/carroll-gardens-association-inc-5th-annual-columbia-waterfront-fall-festival.

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SUN, SEPT. 15

FILM, "SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER": Come early and grab a seat in the courtyard. **Free.** 8 pm. Habana Outpost [757 Fulton St. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 858-9500], www.habanaoutpost.com.

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READING, DISPATCHES FROM SANDY: Brave New World Repertory Theater does a reading of reflections from relief volunteers at the front lines of Hurricane Sandy. Part of BEAT Brooklyn. \$20 (suggested). 2 pm. Congregation Beth Elohim [274 Garfield Pl. at Eighth Avenue in Park Slope], www.beatbrooklyn.com.

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MON, SEPT. 16

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WED, SEPT. 18

PITCHAPALOOZA: It's like "American Idol" for books: Writers get one minute to pitch their books to a panel of publishing experts. **Free.** 7–9 pm. Brooklyn Public Library's Central branch [Flatbush Ave. at Eastern Parkway in Grand Army Plaza in Park Slope, (718) 230-2100], www.brooklynpubliclibrary.org/branch_library_detail.jsp?branchpageid=265.

THURS, SEPT. 19


THE ROCKY HORROR BURLESQUE SHOW: The cult horror musical gets stripped down. \$12. 9 pm. Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159], www.coneyisland.com.

FRI, SEPT. 20

THEATER, "LES MISERABLES": Ridge Choral performs the musical based on Victor Hugo's classic novel. \$22–\$25. 8 pm. High School of Telecommunications Arts and Technology [350 67th St. between Third and Fourth avenues in Bay Ridge, (718) 989-9566], ridgechorale.com.

SAT, SEPT. 21

BREUKELAN COUNTRY FAIR: Story telling, fireside cooking, house tours, pony rides, games, crafts, and music. \$3 (\$5 adults). 1–5 pm. The Wyckoff Farmhouse (5816 Clarendon Rd. in Flatbush), www.wyckoffmuseum.org.



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Food for thought

Taste Talks discusses food explosion

By Meredith Deliso
for The Brooklyn Paper

Some important questions: is chicken making a comeback? Why is coffee in some restaurants so bad? The two-day Taste Talks conference will tackle these and other food-related mysteries and controversies in panels, tours, workshops, cooking demos, films, and, of course, tastings around North Brooklyn. For a sneak peek at the talks

we spoke with Northside Media founder Daniel Stedman, which publishes the L Magazine and hosts the Northside Fest each year, and panelists Robert Newton and Kerry Diamond, who are partners in real life and in business as the owners of Carroll Gardens spots Seersucker, Nightingale 9, and Smith Canteen. Diamond is also the publisher of the nascent food magazine “Cherry Bombe,” a biannual magazine about women and food.

Meredith Deliso: Dan-

iel, I’ve heard you say that the food scene in Brooklyn has surpassed music as the thing that people are excited about. Why is that?

Daniel Stedman: As the young generation of Brooklynites have families and don’t go to rock shows until three in the morning anymore, food culture is something that everyone is part of on a daily basis.

MD: Kerry, up until a few years ago, you were working in the fashion industry.

How did you get started in the food industry?

Kerry Diamond: I never ever thought I’d work in food. It started when Rob asked if I wanted to open a restaurant with him and I said yes, not having any idea what I was getting myself into.

Here I am three restaurants and a food magazine later. I don’t know if we would have been able to have done what we’ve done anywhere else but Brooklyn.

You can move someplace else where the real estate is cheaper, but I don’t know if you have that community around you the way you do in Brooklyn.

DS: That’s a big part of what we’re celebrating, that entrepreneurial spirit in Brooklyn and the people doing food magazines, restaurants, and food manufacturing.

MD: Rob, can you talk about the panel you’re participating



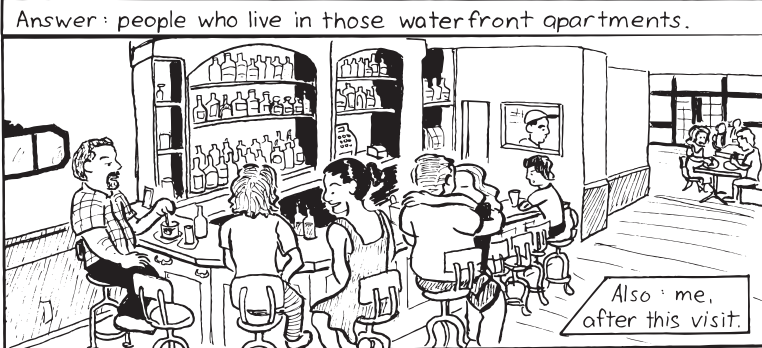
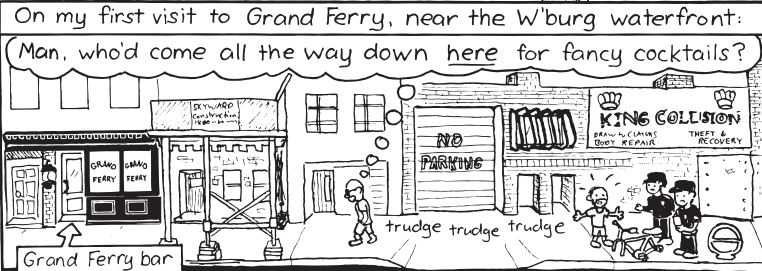
Food smarts: Kerry Diamond (pictured left), who co-owns several Carroll Gardens eateries with Robert Newton, is a panelist at the upcoming Taste Talks.



Photo by Robert Newton

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By Bill Roundy



On my first visit to Grand Ferry, near the W’burg waterfront: “Man, who’d come all the way down here for fancy cocktails?”

Answer: people who live in those waterfront apartments.

The food’s good (try the shepherd’s pie), + it’s got 14 beers on draft, but most importantly - they know their drinks! The whiskey-heavy menu has classics + some nautical originals, like the surprisingly smooth “Captain Badass” w/ tequila, amaro abana, apricot liqueur, + lemon juice. (\$12)



Grand Ferry [229 Kent Ave., between Grand and N. 1st streets in Williamsburg. (718) 282-8500. www.grandferrynyc.com]. Open daily, 11:30 am–4 am (kitchen closes 2 am).

All stacked up

Here’s our guide to the Brooklyn Book Festival

Meredith Deliso
for The Brooklyn Paper

Home to some of the best independent bookstores in the city, Brooklyn is once again hosting its famed Book Festival.

This year’s Festival is bigger than ever, so we put together this handy, hour-by-hour guide to catching the best events happening in and around Downtown’s Borough Hall on September 22.

10 am: One of the highlights of the annual book festival is the marketplace that takes over the plaza in front of Borough Hall, where publishers and bookstores collide for a cornucopia of literary journals and novels. Meet some of Brooklyn’s own literary forces, like Fort Greene’s Greenlight Bookstore. [Borough Hall Plaza, Court Street at Montague Street]

11 am: What do A.X. Ahmad, Caleb Crain, Ursula DeYoung, Michele Forbes, and Ayana Mathis have in common? The Brooklyn Book Festival has deemed them this year’s most

impressive debut novelists. Hear them read from their much-praised works. [Borough Hall Courtroom, 209 Joralemon St. between Court and Adams streets in Downtown]

Noon: Head back outside to the North Stage as Lynn Nottage, the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright of “Ruined,” talks with Rebecca Miller and Lemon Anderson about writing for the stage, screen, and books. [Borough Hall Plaza, see venue info above]

1 pm: Book it to St. Francis College’s auditorium to see famed young adult novelist Lois Lowry, who likely holds a special place in your own adolescent heart. “The Giver” and “Number the Stars” author is also this year’s Brooklyn Book Festival honoree, to boot. [St. Francis College, 180 Remsen St. between Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights]

2 pm: Grab some lunch at one of the many restaurants lining Montague Street. We recommend heading back to Borough Hall for the panel “Creating Dangerously in a Danger-



Shop keepers: Jessica Bagnulo, Rebecca Fitting and Anne Trizna of Greenlight Bookstore in Fort Greene and the books they’ll feature at the Brooklyn Book Festival.

ous World.” [Borough Hall Courtroom, see venue info above]

3 pm: Celebrated authors Amy Brill, Colum McCann, and Montague Kobbé are brought together to discuss creating fiction based on historical figures and events. [St. Francis College, see venue info above]

4 pm: Remain right in your seat and hear from legendary graphic novelist Art Spiegelman. [St. Francis College, see venue info above]

5 pm: Danticat is joined by Francine Prose, André Aciman, Leonard Lopate, NSA whistleblower Tom

Drake, and more for a conversation on the dangers of surveillance on creative freedom. [St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church, 157 Montague St. between Clinton and Henry streets in Brooklyn Heights]

8 pm: But wait, there’s more! Make your way over to Union Hall for one of the festival’s off-site, “Bookend” events. Comedians and debut authors Mindy Raf, Ophira Eisenberg, and Selena Coppock will help you end the day with some levity—and laughs. [Union Hall, 702 Union St. between Fifth and Sixth avenues in Park Slope], \$5.



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Reynoso beats Lopez

30-year-old trounces scandal-plagued former boss

By **Danielle Furfaro**
The Brooklyn Paper

Former state assemblyman and Brooklyn Democratic boss Vito Lopez lost his council bid to challenger Antonio Reynoso at Tuesday's primary.

Lopez had sought to bounce back from the sexual harassment scandal that knocked him out of office last fall, but he lost the 34th District council race by 12 percent and 1,300 votes to 30-year-old Reynoso, outgoing district Councilwoman Diana Reyna's former chief of staff. On Tuesday night, a jubilant Reynoso called his win in the district, spanning Williamsburg, Bushwick, and a

section of Queens, a blow to the "political machine" and said that he will not compromise his community organizer roots to serve special interests.

"I will fight for a better Brooklyn and Queens," Reynoso told the election party crowd at the Woods, a bar on S. Fourth Street in Williamsburg, moments after his victory was announced. "I will never forget where I came from."

Lopez set his sights on the council seat this spring after a state ethics panel stripped him of his Albany seniority based on its finding that he groped, tried to kiss, and talked sex with young female interns. Lopez spent

most of election season out of sight, appearing only once, at a fund-raiser. An anonymous piece of campaign literature defending Lopez, tweeted by Councilman Brad Lander (D-Carroll Gardens) on primary day, quotes an unnamed human rights lawyer saying that 95 percent of sexual harassment cases are "unfounded" and brought by "disgruntled employees who are only looking for a cash settlement."

The harassment scandal turned Lopez from a 14-term incumbent and Brooklyn kingmaker to a political pariah in a matter of weeks, with even his closest allies distancing themselves from him in the fall of

2012, though he did not resign until May of 2013.

A piece of Reynoso campaign lit said simply, "Vote No on Vito."

Reynoso began his political career at Le Moyne College, where he founded the black political group Brothers on a New Direction. He became Reyna's chief of staff after returning to Williamsburg and, while campaigning to replace his term-limited boss, he focused his outreach on young, Latino people.

Outside the bar, Reynoso supporters said that he was the obvious choice for councilman.

"He is a man of the people," Richard Blanco said.

Menchaca unseats Gonzalez

By **Natalie Musumeci**
The Brooklyn Paper

Newcomer Carlos Menchaca beat out incumbent Sara Gonzalez for the 38th District council seat in a surprise primary upset on Tuesday night.

Menchaca, a former aide to Council Speaker Christine Quinn and Borough President Markowitz, creamed the 10-year incumbent in the Democratic primary, taking 58 percent of the vote in the 38th District, which includes Red Hook, South Slope, Sunset Park, Greenwood Heights, and parts of Borough Park and Bay Ridge.

The 32-year-old winner chalked his victory up to beating the pavement and lis-



Carlos Menchaca

tening to voters while his opponent sat on her laurels.

"It was time for this community to elect a public servant—someone that is going to serve this community to its fullest ability," said Menchaca,

who praised himself for claiming to be the first openly gay Brooklyn pol, the first Mexican-American councilmember, and for winning against an incumbent.

"I'm so excited to be making history tonight," Menchaca told the crowd gathered at his Tuesday night victory party in Sunset Park's Saint Jacobi Evangelical Lutheran Church.

During the campaign, Menchaca lashed out at Gonzalez for being missing in action at council meetings and public events. Now he says he will be sure to show up once he takes office.

"I'm going to be present. I'm going to be visible and vocal," he said. "I'm going

to be someone that's on the streets talking directly to the people of Sunset Park about the needs."

Gonzalez was gone from her election party minutes after her loss became certain. People in her camp said that the defeat came as a shock and that she needed to be with members of her family.

"Certainly she is surprised," said Gonzalez's campaign spokesman Miguel Hernandez.

Gonzalez entered office in 2002 after winning a special election to replace Angel Rodriguez. Her spokesman said that, while she is upset, she will keep her cool on her way out.

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a recount. For now, it appears as though DeBlasio has avoided a runoff, but as of early Wednesday thousands of paper ballots still needed to be counted, which could take the city's Board of Elections several days.

If it does come down to a runoff, DeBlasio will face off against Thompson in a runoff election to be held on Oct. 1. Thompson narrowly lost to Mayor Bloomberg after winning the party's nomination in 2009.

DeBlasio gave no sign of heeding Thompson's stubbornness, though. The former Park Slope councilman threw an unabashed victory bash Tuesday night at The Bell House in Gowanus, marking the first time that a mayoral candidate has ever held an election party in the industrial neighborhood.

"Let's recommit ourselves to the movement that got us here to begin with—a commitment to giving every child of our city the chance they deserve, a promise to speak the truth no matter who tries to twist our words or dampen our spirits," DeBlasio said to a throng of supporters.

The former Park Slope councilman staged a remarkable last-minute comeback, shooting from near the bottom of the polls to head and shoulders above the rest of the pack in a matter of weeks.

Thompson, the former deputy borough president, said that he was not ready to concede until every vote has been accounted for.

Longtime favorite Council Speaker Christine Quinn took 15.5 percent of the votes, Comptroller John Liu brought in 7 percent, and twice-disgraced former Sheepshead Bay congressman Anthony Weiner had a mere 5 percent.

Republican Mayoral race

Joe Lhota, a deputy mayor under Mayor Giuliani and former chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, defeated two Manhattanite opponents—supermarket mogul John Catsimatidis and homeless advocate George McDonald. Lhota won with nearly 53 percent of the vote, compared to Catsimatidis's roughly 40 percent and McDonald's approximate 7 percent. Lhota

vowed to keep the city on its current course as mayor.

"With the right leadership, we can accomplish great things. New York City will continue to be the City of Opportunity where all dreams come true," the candidate posted on his Twitter account. "Together, we will keep New York City moving forward."

The race turned nasty during the final weeks. Catsimatidis, founder of the Gristedes grocery chain, launched a massive ad campaign attacking Lhota for voting to raise train and bus fares and bridge tolls as chairman of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, and for referring to Port Authority police as "mall cops" at a debate. Catsimatidis also put out a mailer criticizing Lhota for challenging an elderly Holocaust victim to a fight at a Metropolitan Transportation Authority board meeting.

Lhota struck back with a mailer slamming Catsimatidis for backing former Mayor David Dinkins over then-United States Attorney Rudy Giuliani in the 1989 mayoral race. Giuliani has appeared in ads defending Lhota from Catsimatidis's charges. Catsimatidis struck again on the eve of the election, blaming Lhota for technical problems with first responders' phones on Sept. 11, and for placing the Office of Emergency Management inside the World Trade Center complex despite the bombing in 1993.

Comptroller race

In the citywide comptroller race, departing Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer beat ex-governor Eliot Spitzer 52 percent to 48 percent, with 98 percent of precincts reporting. This was one of the night's few upsets, since Spitzer, perhaps the only disgraced politician running a competent campaign this year, had led Stringer by 19 points as recently as last month, according to Quinnipiac University.

Public Advocate race

Letitia James garnered 36 percent of the vote and Daniel Squadron racked up 33 percent in the Democratic primary for public advocate, knocking out fellow candidates Reshma Saujani, Cathy Guerriero, and Sidique Wai—but ensuring that the pair would face each other in a



Bill De Blasio celebrates on stage with his wife Chirlane, after Tuesday's primary vote.

runoff election. Each appeared confident of victory in next month's rematch.

"Over the next 21 days, we'll keep talking about my record—about results, reform, and integrity," said Squadron, currently a state senator, in a written statement on Tuesday night. "And we will talk about my plan to make the public advocate's office essential to our city, getting results for New Yorkers who need them."

Departing Councilwoman Letitia James took to Twitter after the results came in to direct followers to donate to her runoff fund.

33rd Council District race

Steve Levin, the incumbent candidate for the 33rd District city council seat, came out on top in the Battle of the Steves, besting Democratic challenger Stephen Pierson and assuring himself a second term.

Levin, who lives in Greenpoint, won handily with more than 70 percent of the vote.

On paper, Levin and Pierson came down on the same side on many of the issues. At a debate last month, they echoed each other on many issues, including trash, education, and small business support.

When pressed to pick, voters in Levin's district opted for the Steve they knew.

The vanquished Steve said he will continue to fight waterfront development and to advocate around issues he took on as part of his campaign.

Asked if he will run again, he said, "That's the furthest

thing from my mind."

35th Council District race

Letitia James may not be a sure bet in the public advocate runoff, but there is no going back to her old job in the 35th Council District.

Laurie Cumbo, the founder of Fort Greene's Museum of Contemporary African Diasporan Arts and a professor at Pratt Institute, beat out four candidates in the Tuesday night primary to claim the council seat serving Clinton Hill, Fort Greene, and parts of Crown Heights, Prospect Heights, and Bedford-Stuyvesant. Cumbo took 35 percent of the vote, winning by 1,800 votes over Ede Fox and Olanike Alabi, who tied for second, taking 26 percent each.

Cumbo said she admires James, who she calls an "awesome and dynamic leader," but that things will be different in her version of Fort Greene.

Cumbo said that she will be more developer friendly, in contrast to James's opposition to the controversial Atlantic Yards mega-project.

"It would be almost malpractice to be a councilmember and to have no relationship with the developers who are building this community," she said.

The victor added that, while talking to developers would be a key change, she will not forget to include community voices. She also said she will lower crime.

— **With Natalie Musumeci, Danielle Furfaro, Jaime Lutz, and Colin Mixson**

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with Ken Thompson, very respectful, and I'm looking forward to working with him," Hynes said at his campaign's party at the Heights Cafe in Brooklyn Heights.

Thompson praised Hynes at his victory celebration at Sanders Studios in Clinton Hill.

The gracious remarks contrast sharply with the raw rhetoric of the campaign trail. The two battled in a bitter race, with Thompson capitalizing on a spate of scandals in Hynes's office.



Ken Thompson became the first to unseat an incumbent district attorney in 102 years.

The challenger slammed Hynes for recusing himself from prosecuting disgraced former Assemblyman Vito

Lopez for allegations of sexual harassment because of his close political ties to the former Democratic Party boss. And Thompson went after the incumbent for several wrongful convictions resulting from the alleged misconduct of star Assistant District Attorney Michael Vecchione and retired police Detective Louis Scarcella.

Hynes also suffered from bad press over his office's weak response to sex abuse cases in the Orthodox Jewish community—a voting block that long backed him.

Hynes pointed to Thompson's representation of a hotel maid who accused International Monetary Fund chief

Dominique Strauss-Kahn of rape in 2011—where the trial lawyer's conduct triggered an investigation by the Manhattan district attorney. Hynes has also hit Thompson for defending disgraced state Senators Pedro Espada and John Sampson while Thompson was serving as the legislative body's attorney during the Aqueduct "racino" scandal in 2011.

A second Hynes challenger, Abe George, dropped out of the race in late July and endorsed Thompson.

The last time a challenger defeated a sitting prosecutor was in 1911, when John F. Clarke lost to James Cropsy.

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SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK COUNTY OF KINGS Index No.: 16657/12 SUMMONS AND COMPLAINT X REPWEST INSURANCE COMPANY, et al., -against- DERRICK ADAMS, et al. X TO THE FOLLOWING NAMED DEFENDANTS: FRANCIS FOLASSOBGOLIM a/k/a FRANCIS FOLASSOBGOLIM and MELVIN RODRIGUEZ: YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to appear and answer the summons and complaint of REPWEST INSURANCE COMPANY and U-HAUL CO. OF NEW YORK and VERMONT, INC. in the declaratory judgment action filed against you as defendants and to serve a copy of your answer within 30 days after service is complete, and in case of your failure to appear or answer, judgment will be taken against you

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